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- 50X1 1. The Levshino Corrective Labor Camp [redacted]  
50X1 [redacted] sits on a hill directly west of the town of Levshino.  
50X1 [redacted] electric double track  
50X1 railroad tracks and a large three building industrial plant [redacted] prisoners  
50X1 said it was a chemical plant). The surrounding area is dotted with  
50X1 other labor camps whose inmates were said to work in the factories of  
50X1 Molotov /5800N-5015E 7. [redacted]  
50X1 [redacted]  
50X1 2. Most inmates had been sentenced for minor thefts, as for instance, [redacted]  
50X1 stole six kilos of potatoes in a time of famine. The women convicts were  
50X1 there usually for embezzling funds while salesgirls in stores. Of the  
50X1 1,500 men and 1,000 women prisoners only a few were older than 30; the  
average age was about 22.  
50X1 3. Electricity for the camp came from Levshino. The camp was 500 by 800m  
large and bounded by a four-meter-high wooden fence. Surrounding this  
50X1 wooden fence was an outer barbed wire enclosure. Along the wooden fence  
guards were stationed in nine elevated towers, and another fence divided  
50X1 the women's compound from the men's. [redacted] 11 barracks, each 35m  
50X1 by 10m, which held 180 to 200 men apiece. A special building held incorrigible  
thieves sentenced to 25-year terms; another building was used for those in  
solitary confinement.

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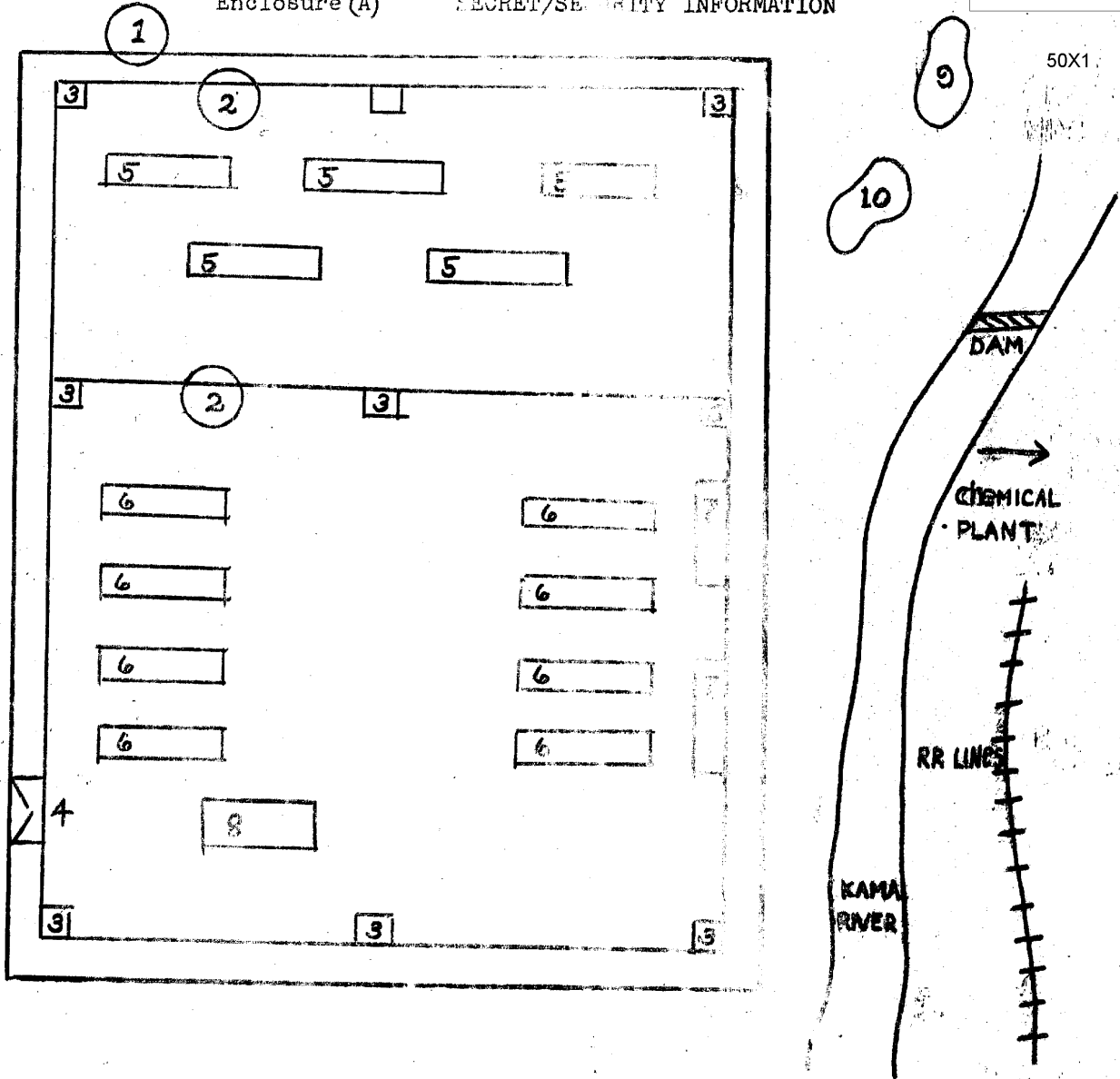
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- 50X1 4. Altogether [ ] the camp had 200 guards. They wore ordinary Soviet Army uniforms (with red epaulets), breeches and boots, and were armed with automatic guns, pistols and carbines. These guards belonged to MVD and were mostly former soldiers.
- 50X1 5. [ ] worked eight hours a day on the preparation of ground for an electric power station slated to be completed in 1956. The work was interrupted by the war but was continued in 1949. [ ] worked on the construction of a cinder block, cement and brick factory which was to produce blocks for the power plant. Many machines such as excavation machines and stone crushers were used. Cement and other bulk materials were transported by barges on the Kama River.
- 50X1 6. Private farms along the river were not planted because the land was to be taken over by the government for the power plant. Project workers were issued blue uniforms, trousers and coats twice a year; in winter [ ] issued quilted cotton trousers and coats.
- 50X1 7. Food was so scarce [ ] hungry most of the time; those [ ] who worked outside of the camp sometimes would find a potato overlooked by the pickers and eat it raw. [ ] given soup, porridge, potatoes, cabbage and tea, and that was all. Three ton trucks brought the food and other supplies from Molotov. In winter a horse drawn cart brought the goods.
- 50X1 8. Discipline in the Levshino Labor Camp was strict. Prisoners kept the barracks clean, scrubbing and scraping the wooden floors with pieces of broken glass. [ ] under age the guards did not beat [ ] except for an occasional swat. However, the professional thieves were treated brutally. Sometimes they were forced to drink their own urine and eat their own excrement. Under this type of regime [ ] became animal-like. In fact, two convicts were murdered by their fellows [ ] These two, however, were stoolpigeons.

ENCLOSURE (A): Levshino Corrective Labor Camp

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Legend to Levshino Corrective Labor Camp

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Barbed wire fence     | 6. Men's barracks             |
| 2. Wooden fence          | 7. Long-termers' barracks     |
| 3. Guard towers, 6m high | 8. Bath                       |
| 4. Entrance              | 9. Power station work project |
| 5. Women's barracks      | 10. Cinder block factory      |

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